

speaking of stamp collections as an ornament and a curiosity; at present we have confined our observations pretty closely to those points touched upon by the writer of the above letter.

Newly Issued Stamps.

Our list of new stamps this month is very meagre indeed; but we must not grumble, for have we not had new sets of stamps for Turkey, New Grenada, and Maldo-Wallachia, besides a new stamp for Prussia and Denmark; a local for Montreal, Canada, and soon we hope to chronicle a set of stamps for the United States, and another for Prince Edward Island.

THE new set for Victoria is complete, with the exception, we believe, of the 6 pence and 1 shilling.



Our engraving in this number of our paper is that of the Victoria 8 pence, the color of which is orange. It is the same in design as the current 1 penny, 2 pence, and 4 pence.

A 6d. envelope for Mauritius, large, like the 1 shilling brown, violet, has just appeared.

✓ WE forget to mention in our last number Mr. Hussey's new stamps. There are three varieties. One has the representation of a clock without hands, with the words, TIME POSTED, above; colours black, yellow, buff, or white and pale blue. Another has, in addition to the above, DAY and MONTH below, and the words, in small letters: *Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year 1861, by George Hussey, in the Clerk's Office, of the District Court of the United States, for the Southern District of New York, go* completely around the stamp; the colours are blue and black on white. The third stamp is like the first, but with HUSSEY'S POST below, and 50, WM. SR., between it and the dial. They are perforated. Two strokes of the pen by the sender, shows how long (to the receiver,) it takes the message or letter to reach its destination.

✓ PROVIDENCE, R. I., FIVE CENTS.—We give our numerous readers an engraving of this stamp, which was described in our last number. As a great many collectors and others have never seen this stamp, we were induced



to have it engraved. It will describe itself as to its appearance; but a few facts of the case may not be unwelcome. It was issued by the Postmaster of Providence, R. I., and by authority of the United States in the year 1846. The colour is black on white, and in shape it is oblong. The 10 cents stamp is the same, except in value.

A FEW stamps have appeared in different colors. The 'smallest stamp in the world,' that of Mecklenburg, Schwerni, 1 schilling, is now a plain white in place of the former dotted ground.

THE Two Annas of East India is straw-coloured.

THERE is to be an alteration in the new Turkish stamps: the figures in the corners are to be in the same colour as the stamp.

This closes our list of new stamps for this month.

Postal Chat-Chat.

WHY is a postage stamp like a member of Parliament? Because it has M. P. at the end of its name.

BROWN and JONES meet at the Post Office.—Jones complains of a bad smell about the office, and asks what it can be? Brown doesn't know, unless it may be the *dead letters*.

IF A CHIFFRE TAX of a higher value than 15 centimes is required in France, the post master crosses out the 15, and inserts another number on the side of it.

WE learn by advices received from Prince Edward Island, that the new set of stamps for that Colony will be out shortly.

✓ IN March last a number of the old-fashioned worn out mail pouches, from some of the Western post offices, were received at the Washington post office. In one of them a letter was found postmarked "Vandalia, Illinois, March 2d, 1836." It contained information in regard to a lawsuit before "a justis" upon which an appeal had been taken, requiring "twenty days' notice," and came to light twenty-nine years and twenty-three days after it was mailed, having been carried about all that time for ten cents.

✓ "THE SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY"—The curtain has fallen on the drama of "the confederacy," and that glorious institution is "played out." That eminent and enlightened citizen, J. Davis, Esq., whose scraggy countenance has ornamented the Confederate State Stamps for the last four years, is at present enjoying the hospitality of the United States in one of the casemates of Fortress Monroe, there to ponder o'er his misspent life and the mutability of human renown; while in the distance, grand, gloomy, and peculiar, the apple tree of acid renown lifts its portentous branches to the sky, and a voice cries to the arch traitor "even as ye have sown, so shall ye reap." The Confederate Stamps are obsolete, and their paternal ancestor will soon be obsolete also. In Richmond, a Confederate \$3,000 bond is worth five cents; will some mathematician favour us, pro ratio, with the value of the Confederate two cent stamp? We pause for a reply.—*Stamp Collector's Record.*